

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Trinh *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/306,986

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For: **A Method for Synthesizing a Nucleic
Acid Molecule Using a Ribonuclease**



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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three (3) months from September 19, 2001 to December 19, 2001 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment with a one month extension of time paid on October 19, 2001.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$920.00 for a three (3) month extension of time. A one (1) month extension of time (\$110.00) was paid on October 19, 2001 for a large entity. Thus, the appropriate fee is \$810.00. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 33582. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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